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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Diamond K Gypsum, DKG Quarry, M/015/041, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 27, 1995
Time of Inspection: 13:15 - 13:45
Conditions: Clear, HOT
Participants: Neil Simmons, BLM, San Rafael Resource Area; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To evaluate the current status of the site

The site was active at the time of this inspection. Photographs were taken from a bluff near the road giving a general overview of the site.

At the site we met one of the equipment operators, Brian, who directed us to talk to Richard Stewart, who was operating the road reclaimer. There is presently a stockpile of ore on site. The road reclaimer being used is a Caterpillar R250. Richard indicated they have had the best results by cutting 3 inches in depth with the cutter head. They are leasing this piece of equipment and will be finished with the mining of the gypsum in the next day or so. The ore stockpile will probably last through the remainder of the year. They may not be doing additional mining until next season.

He indicated they may be able to reclaim some of the mined areas this fall after they remove the stockpile materials. I suggested that if they were going to do this, they notify the BLM and the Division. The best time for reclamation would be in the fall and at this particular site that would probably mean in October. I suggested they seed the site as soon as possible after completing the earthwork. They may also be able to seed the disturbed area which they have previously regraded at the same time of the other reclamation. Richard indicated they would probably be able to mine the current pit area down an additional depth of 3-feet or so.

We discussed the status of the large mine permit with Richard and explained the surety/ bonding situation currently being evaluated between the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the BLM State office, the BLM Resource Area, and Emery County. I informed Richard I would be contacting Philip or Karen Palmer sometime within the next week to discuss the details of the bonding situation with them.

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cc: Philip Palmer, Diamond K
John Welsh, Claimant
Neil Simmons, BLM, San Rafael RA

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